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**Testimony in Support of
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

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As a *parent of Luca Daddona* at St. Mary's School , I support S.B. No. 318.

My son's education is very important to me and I believe that he is at the right place for this to help benefit his overall emotional and social development. St.Mary's school of Branford offers this to my son- values, the importance of philanthropy and giving back to the community in addition to become a well rounded individual whom contributes to the overall well being of our society. Catholic Schools instill good values as they teach our children faith and responsibility while providing a good educational opportunity to enable our children to take their education to a higher level as they integrate into the professional workforce later on in life.

Having bus transportation is important for our children to have access to as we pay taxes in our town and should have this available as the school is in the same town we live in. I find it to be extremely critical to be an allowance for reimbursement in towns who voluntarily provide inter-district transportation to elementary school students that live out of town that will also help our school. It is of utmost importance to keep our urban schools open and accessible to students whose schools have closed in neighboring towns, too.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

Amy Daddona